

PETS

HOUSING PET POLICY

The number of authorized pets will be limited to any combination of two (2) animals (Dogs and/or Cats) per household only in family housing units **NO** exceptions will be approved to exceed the 2 pet policy! **NO PET** is authorized in any of the High-Rise buildings.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL HOUSING:

- a. The number of authorized pets will be limited to **ONLY** one (1) animal (dog or cat) in the Unaccompanied Officer Personnel Housing (UOPH). No exceptions will be approved to exceed the one pet policy!
- b. Other authorized pets are birds, rabbits, domestic bred pets of the rodent family such as hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, etc., must be housed in a cage and fish. This term may be expanded to include reptiles provided they are not capable of inflicting serious injuries or designated as dangerous. Normally, only dogs and cats are authorized. However, other animals may be specified "authorized" by the Installation Commander as recommended by Veterinarian and Provost Marshal.
- c. Buildings 781, 782 and 793 are designated as pet facilities in UOPH. The pet policy is directive in nature and UOPH occupants with pets in the designated buildings may face disciplinary and administrative actions for violations thereof. Violations may result in losing the privilege of living in government housing.
- d. **No pets** are authorized in **Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing** (UEPH) facilities (barracks). This policy is necessitated by the close proximity between common use areas and individuals quarters that are usually found in UEPH, and which generates annoyances such as pet odors and noise, possible flea and tick infestation of common use areas and furniture, urine damage to area room carpeting, and uncollected pet droppings.

Please do not hesitate to call the Chief, Family Housing Management Branch at DSN: 263-3572 or COMMERCIAL 011-81-46-407-3527

HOUSEHOLD GOODS (SHIPMENT OF PETS)

Shipment of pets to Japan is expensive for the pet owner and is least expensive if they fly with you as excess baggage. Make arrangements for them when your flight is reserved. If the pet is flying without you, and will be shipped as cargo expect a great increase in cost. Also, check with several different airlines to negotiate best travel mode for pets. Some airlines will only allow specific animals in coach. **(Please See Veterinarian Services Section for Pet Shipping Requirements. It is highly recommended that you coordinate the transportation of pets early in your travel planning due to the restrictions within Japan)**

VETERINARY SERVICES

We're the Japan District Veterinary Command (JDVC). We provide Command and Control of all veterinary elements in JDVC in support of U.S. Forces Japan. We ensure well trained, motivated, and rapidly deployable soldiers are available for a full range of military operations throughout Japan and the Pacific Rim.

Services Provided

- Annual Exams
- Vaccinations
- Health Certificates
- FAVN testing
- Sick call
- Surgical
- Dental
- Microchipping
- Radiological

Products Available

- Heartworm preventive
- Flea and tick preventive
- Shampoos
- Prescription diets
- Personal pet products

Emergency service is available 24-hours a day 7 days a week; after hour emergencies please call 263-5910.

We offer weekend appointments once each month. Please call your respective clinic for an appointment.

Pet Import

Importing Dogs and Cats

Japan discourages the importation of dogs and cats under the age of 12 months. These pets rarely meet the vaccination and FAVN testing requirements. Pets under the age of 12 months can be imported but must start with a 180 day quarantine period.

All dogs and cats must FIRST obtain a microchip prior to receiving any vaccinations and FAVN testing. The microchip number must be included on the rabies and health certificates and on the Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) Results form.

All dogs and cats arriving from a non-rabies free country or area must be vaccinated with an inactivated rabies vaccine at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to arriving and must show a history of 2 rabies vaccinations.

All dogs and cats must have a Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) Test performed. This test measures the protective antibody level against rabies.

All dogs and cats must have a health and rabies certificate issued by a Military Veterinarian. A USDA Federal Veterinarian (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/area_offices.htm) must certify with a raised seal all certificates issued by civilian veterinarians.

All dogs and cats must give prior notification to the Japan Animal Quarantine Service as soon as commercial transportation is scheduled.

For detailed information, please go to Camp Zama's internet website to print the following information document: **Japan Pet Requirements Memo.**

Importing other Animals

All other animals have many different requirements. The best requirement information for your pet can be found at the Japan Animal Quarantine Service (<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/>) web site.

Requirements for importing birds into the US continually change. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service require a permit to import, export, or re-export plants and wildlife protected by international treaty and/or domestic statute. It is important to keep all records for ease of re-importing later.

As of 18 February 2003 all prairie dogs have been banned from being imported into Japan.

Please visit the following web pages for more information:

<http://vets.amedd.army.mil/dodvsa/outanimalimport.htm>

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/>

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals>

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

*** Please note that documents below can be found on Camp Zama's internet website:

<http://www.usarj.army.mil/> on right side of page click on **U.S. Army Japan District Veterinary Command**

Pet Processing Checklist

 [Pet Processing Checklist](#)

Travel orders [2 copies of permanent change of station (PCS) orders for each pet].

Rabies Vaccination (INACTIVATED) Certificate (DD Form 2208; 2 copies and original).

Health Certificate (MDJ OP Form 2209; Veterinary Health Certificate for Import/Export for Japan; 2 copies and original), the health certificate cannot be older than 10 days. If there is a layover that will cause your health certificate to expire, then a new health certificate must be obtained.

 [MDJ OP Form 2209](#)

Japan Ministry of Agriculture Advance Notification Forms (Advance Notification Approval Form; 2 copies and original) If traveling by commercial airlines, advance notification approval is required for check-in with the airline and upon arrival in Japan. Submit the Advance Notification Form as soon as transportation arrangements as well as microchipping, vaccination, and FAVN testing steps are complete. **Please annotate in the "Remarks" column this statement: "This pet belongs to a US SOFA sponsored family and will be assigned to (list installation)."**

 [Advance Notification Form for Dogs](#)

 [Advance Notification Form for Cats](#)

Import/export Animal Quarantine Stations Contact

<http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/soshiki/telephonest.htm>

All of the above documents must be attached to the outside of the airline kennel (Ziploc bag works best). Label the bag: "Export/Import Pet Documents."

MDJ Form 270 (Pet Quarantine and Examination Certificate; 2 copies) All SOFA status personnel entering Japan with a pet are required to complete a MDJ 270. The MDJ 270 allows your pet to be released to you for transportation to your US Military Quarantine Facility. Please download the form and fill it out before arrival. You are required to submit the form to your US Military Veterinary Treatment Facility within 72 hours of entry into Japan.

 [MDJ Form 270](#)

380 EJ Form (Customs Free Import or Export of Cargo or Customs Declaration of Personal Property): This form is needed when your pet(s) enters Japan through a civilian airport separately as freight and on a different flight than you. You may obtain the form by having your PCS sponsor in Japan take a copy of your orders to the transportation office at your gaining installation. The base transportation officer will sign the appropriate box after verifying your orders.

Health Certificates for Pets from Rabies Free Countries: These health certificates are to be used for pets that will be traveling to Japan from designated Rabies Free Countries including Taiwan, Iceland, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, the United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, and Guam.

 [Rabies Free Health Certificate Form A](#)

 [Rabies Free Health Certificate Form B](#)

Transportation Annex Form for Pets from Rabies Free Countries transiting a third country:

 [Transiting Certificate Annex Form](#)

Export Quarantine Application Form for Pets leaving Japan to return at a later date:

 [Export Quarantine Application for Dogs](#)

REIMBURSEMENT

Services Members

Mandatory pet quarantine fees incurred by U.S. service members in connection with the mandatory quarantine of a household pet are reimbursable not to exceed \$550 per PCS move for pets in, or entering into, quarantine on and after 28 DEC 2001. (Ref. JFTR, par. U5805.)

** Transportation cost, medical care, grooming, and similar fees for services that are part of routine pet care associated with a PCS are not reimbursable. Similarly, boarding costs incurred after the final release date from quarantine are not reimbursable. So for example, if on the day the attending Veterinarian certifies that the pet has completed the quarantine period the service member is not able to take possession of the pet for any reason (i.e., the service member is TDY or pets are not allowed in billeting), the reimbursable amount is set on that date, and all subsequent boarding cost are not reimbursable.

Documents required to submit to finance include:

Boarding receipt for mandatory quarantine dates

MDJ Form 270 with entry date and final release date from quarantine

DOD Civilian Employees

Pet quarantine fees and transportation charges incurred in connection with a PCS are included in the Miscellaneous Expense Allowance (MEA) applicable fixed amount authorized in JTR, par. C9004-A. If MEA expenses are itemized, reimbursement for those expenses, including pet quarantine fees and transportation charges, is allowed up to the applicable maximum amount authorized in JTR, par. C9004-B.